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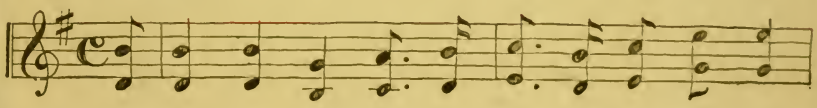

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More gloriously than they do here?

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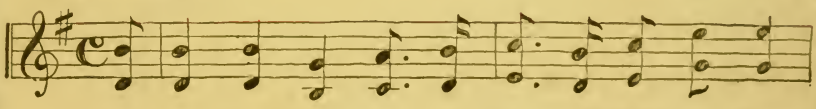

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At the Falls of the Ohio
Nineteen Hundred and Six

ABSENT SONS AND DAUGHTERS
OF OLD KENTUCKY:

Greeting:

¶Acting upon a suggestion made to it by a young lady, born in Kentucky but now living in Colorado, the Louisville Commercial Club is to have a Home-Coming Week for all Kentuckians, next June.

¶Steps taken by the Club toward getting lists of those who have left home and friends to fight life's battles elsewhere have resulted very satisfactorily—the last Federal Census shows over 600,000 of them in other States—your name is on the lists now in our possession. As one who first saw the light of day in Kentucky, or who lived in the State sufficiently long to become identified with it, you are most cordially invited to come once more to see the old folks at home.

¶We have every assurance that the railroads of the United States will make a rate of one fare for the round trip for this great event. If you feel that you will be present, please

June in Kentucky

The trumpet vines are blowing reveille, a hundred—a thousand—coral bugles sounding the morning call of peace.

The corn is being plowed. A light mist lies on the woods.

A little brook slips under the willows, darkens and dances out again, laughing in the sun.

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accept the invitation by signing the enclosed post card and mailing it. Your acceptance may be based upon the assumption that half-fare rates will be granted.

¶The other card enclosed is for you to use in sending us any names of former Kentuckians you may know.

¶While Louisville will be the host-city, all Kentucky will join in the welcome to its returning sons and daughters. Governor J. C. W. Beckham will appoint a commissioner from every county to open headquarters in the big new Armory, there to receive and register former citizens. A hostess from each county—in the person of a favorite daughter—will assist the county commissioner. Badges will be distributed by the hostesses as the commissioners receive and register visitors. The Commercial Club has received assurances, if such were necessary, from every section of the old Commonwealth, that it will have the heartiest co-operation in the pleasing role of entertainer.

¶A general outline of the programme for "Home-Coming Week" is now given, with the promise that as plans mature more definite announcements will be made.

The wheat is nearly ready for harvest. The green world is busy, glad, blossom-laden.

The hedges are bright with butterfly weeds. Elder and wild hydrangea peep above the edge of the gorge.

The cricket heralds midsummer.

—*Ingram Crockett.*

Wednesday, June 13th

will be known as "Reception and Welcome Day." Registration of all visitors at the 119 County headquarters in the new Armory. Mr. Henry Watterson will deliver the chief address of welcome, and former Governor David R. Francis, of Missouri, has been asked to respond. Among the others who have accepted an invitation to appear on the programme are former U. S. Senators Wm. Lindsay and John G. Carlisle, of New York City, Associate Justice John M. Harlan, of the U. S. Supreme Court, former Governor Thomas T. Crittenden, of Missouri, and Hon. Preston H. Leslie, who has served both Kentucky and Montana as Chief Executive. Former Vice-President Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, is expected to be present, having been invited. This list will be enlarged with the names of other Kentuckians who, in adopted homes, have marked their names high on the roll of fame in the law, the ministry, and commercial pursuits. During the afternoon there will be a Floral Parade, and at night a Grand Spectacular Pageant with historical floats, representing the chief claims of the different counties to historical distinction.

"Kentucky"

I love your woods and verdant hills,
And every stream and farmland,
For to your sons, dear mother State,
Your every road's a charmland:

Thursday, June 14th

is to be "Foster Day," in honor of Stephen Collins Foster, the author of the immortal song, "My Old Kentucky Home." The events of this day will include brass band and vocal concerts, it being planned to mass several bands to render "My Old Kentucky Home," and have a chorus of several thousand children honor Foster's memory. A statue of Foster is being modeled by J. L. Roop, sculptor, to be unveiled and later placed in the New Capitol at Frankfort. The school children of Kentucky are raising the fund for the statue.

Friday, June 15th

"Daniel Boone Day," will give the opportunity of paying tribute to the Kentucky pioneer, reviewing the State's earliest history, the trials and privations of its men and women in the eighteenth century, the fights led by Gen. George Rogers Clark, Kentuckians at the River Raisin, etc., etc. The day will be spent in Cherokee Park, acknowledged to be unsurpassed in natural beauty, and following the oratory there will be old-fashioned games, in which prizes will be awarded; sew-

No fairer women in the world,
Nor braver men are living,
To bless the places whence they go
Than those that you are giving.
And for your strong and loving ways,
Your happy homes and graces,
Your sons are zealous that your name
Shall hold the highest places,
And love you, dear Kentucky.

—*William Lightfoot Visscher.*

ing bees, apple parings, corn huskings, the day concluding with the "Virginia Reel," on a platform (inside a stockade) built to hold a thousand couples. Shocks of corn and barrels of apples were arranged for during the past winter, to be used in the husking and paring. A bronze statue of Daniel Boone, by Miss Enid Yandell, the Kentucky sculptor of international reputation, which has been given to the city of Louisville by Col. C. C. Bickel, will be unveiled. The committee will pay special recognition on this day to all the descendants of Boone in attendance. A handsome medal will be given the person present who can prove the closest relationship to the great pioneer.

Saturday, June 16th

has been set aside as "Greater Kentucky Day," with barbecues, camp fires, and the like, a day when orators and poets may tell how Kentuckians have assisted in making the fields of other States more prolific, the bench and bar of other States more learned, their press more profound; how Kentuckians have helped disclose the hidden mineral treasures of other States; how they have contributed to advancement under all conditions.

Kentucky

Daughter of the East,
Mother of the West;
Link that binds North and South.

Sunday, June 17th

"Until We Meet Again" will be sung, and visitors will listen to good sermons from the pulpits of Louisville's churches, preached by ex-Kentuckians; the day to conclude with universal vesper services in the new Armory.

¶A Hall of Fame of Kentuckians who have helped to make the State illustrious—installed in the new Armory—will add to the interest attaching to the week, as will a collection of historical relics.

¶Other features of "Home-Coming Week" will include County Reunions, which may be extended to the county seats in many instances, as several commercial organizations are already planning "County Home Comings" following the "State Home Coming"; a grand ball, fire works, etc.

¶The committee expects to arrange with the railroads to grant 30 and 60 day extensions on all tickets, which will enable visitors to leave Saturday night for any point in the State, to stay for a time with friends and relatives. A rate of one cent per mile will probably be in effect for these side trips. Special excursions will be run to Frankfort to see the pro-

Honor to their Native State

Kentucky genius, grace, and gentleness, Kentucky initiative, push and pluck, have to every State imparted a wealth of valued achievements and inestimable refinement. Everywhere popular, brave, truthful, the Kentuckian has left the impress of his forceful yet lovable manhood in all States and all lands to which he has wandered.

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gress of the work on the New Capitol, to the old homes of Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis, to Mammoth Cave, and to the two High Bridges across the Kentucky River.

¶In addition to the Boone prize, before mentioned, the committee expects to make other handsome awards to the following:

¶The former Kentuckian who comes the greatest distance.

¶The former Kentuckian present who has lived longest outside the State without having returned.

¶The most aged ex-Kentuckian, man or woman, present.

¶The former Kentuckian present who left the State at the tenderest age.

¶The former Kentuckian present who left the State at the most advanced age.

¶Information as to railroad rates and ticket extensions, hotel accommodations, etc., will be supplied later.

¶Again we beg of you to come.

Commercial Club,

V. H. ENGELHARD, President.

Louisville, Ky.

For "Home-Coming" Week:
R. S. BROWN, Chief Executive.
R. E. HUGHES, Director-General.

"My Old Kentucky Home"

Strikes a more responsive chord in the breast of true Kentuckians than even the national anthem. It is the call of the hearthstone. It has been heard at home by countless Kentuckians who have been glad that they were not suffering the pangs of homesickness beyond the border of the State. It has brought many wanderers back to their native heath rejoicing.

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